

**GUIDELINES ON REQUESTING FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE
IN DEMOLITION OR EVICTION ACTIVITIES
UNDER THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT**

WHEREAS, Section 10, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that "Urban and rural poor dwellers shall not be evicted nor their dwellings demolished, except in accordance with law and in a just and humane manner";

WHEREAS, pursuant to this constitutional mandate, Section 28 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7279, otherwise known as "Urban Development of Housing Act (UDHA) of 1992", prescribes certain requirements that must be complied with in the execution of demolition and/or eviction to be undertaken;

WHEREAS, Sections 4 and 5 of Executive Order (EO) No. 152 as amended by EO No. 708 recognizes the need to provide police assistance in the conduct of demolition and eviction activities involving the underprivileged and homeless citizens;

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2012, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued a Letter directing the Philippine National Police (PNP) to strictly comply with the mandatory Pre-Demolition Conference mandated by the UDHA, prior to rendering assistance in demolitions and/or evictions activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to clarify any confusion in the implementation of demolition and/or eviction activities, to be conducted after a Pre- Demolition Conference (PDC) the following guidelines are hereby promulgated and adopted.

Section 1. TITLE. – This shall be referred to as the "**Guidelines on Requesting for Police Assistance in Demolition or Eviction Activities under the UDHA**".

Section 2. COVERAGE. – This set of Guidelines shall apply to requests for Police Assistance in Demolition or Eviction activities affecting Underprivileged and Homeless Citizens whether through (1) a Court Order, or (2) Administrative Order (Summary or Extra - judicial Evictions and/or Demolitions).

Section 3. OBJECTIVES. – This set of Guidelines is intended to:

- a. Prevent, and if not, to stop the hostility and violence arising from the Demolition and/or Eviction of Underprivileged and Homeless Citizens;
- b. Safeguard from hostility and violence, not only the affected Underprivileged and Homeless Citizens but also the representatives of government agencies and police personnel, involved in the Demolition and/or Eviction.

Section 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For the purpose of interpreting these Guidelines, the terms and words used herein shall be construed to mean as follows:

Administrative Order – refers to an order of Eviction and/or Demolition from the administrative or government agencies with quasi-judicial functions involving the Underprivileged and Homeless Citizens.

Court Order – refers to a writ of eviction and/or demolition issued by a court of competent jurisdiction. This does not include orders or decisions of courts of competent jurisdiction which merely grant or lift temporary restraining orders, permanent or indefinite injunctions/prohibitions arising from actions filed relative to initial Extra-judicial Eviction and Demolition orders as defined herein. Neither does

